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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (currently amended) An apparatus for carrying and delivering pourable product, the apparatus comprising:
 - a bag having first and second sidewalls;
 - the bag having a rectangular-like shape, a vertical centerline and a pouring region formed on one side of the centerline; the bag having an end edge and oppositely disposed corners formed along the end edge,
 - a handle operably connected to the bag, the entire handle being on an opposite side of the vertical centerline from the pouring region, the handle having an oblong shape, and
 - a reinforcing structure comprising one layer of additional material, the reinforcing structure attached to the bag adjacent to the handle, the reinforcing structure having a vertical length less than the first and second sidewalls,
 - ~~additional material, the additional material being attached to the bag adjacent to the handle, thereby increasing the strength of the bag adjacent to the handle,~~
 - wherein the handle is adjacent to one corner and the pouring region is adjacent to the oppositely disposed corner,
 - wherein the first sidewall is attached to the second sidewall at a region adjacent to the handle,
 - wherein the handle is defined by a hole defined by the first and second sidewalls.
- 2-5. (canceled)
6. (currently amended) The apparatus of claim 15, further comprising a reinforcing ring attached to the bag and positioned within the hole defined by the first and second sidewalls.

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7. (original) The apparatus of claim 6, wherein the bag defines an interior volume and pourable product is contained in the interior volume.

8-9. (canceled)

10. (previously presented) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the pouring region is formed proximal to one of the two oppositely disposed corners formed along the end edge.

11. (original) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the pouring region is marked by a dashed line printed on the bag, the marked line extending across the one of two oppositely disposed corners, the bag defining a pouring hole when opened along the dashed line.

12. (original) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the bag defines a plurality of perforations, the plurality of perforations extending across the one of the two oppositely disposed corners, the bag defining a pouring hole when opened along the perforations.

13-14. (canceled)

15. (currently amended) An apparatus for carrying and delivering pourable product, the apparatus comprising:

a bag having first and second sidewalls, an end edge, oppositely disposed corners formed along the end edge, a vertical centerline and a pouring region formed on one side of the vertical centerline;

the first sidewall of the bag attached to the second side wall of the bag to form a handle region, the handle region defining an oblong hole to form a handle, the handle operably connected to the bag, the handle being adjacent one corner, and located entirely on an opposite side of the vertical centerline from the pouring region, and the pouring region adjacent to the oppositely disposed corner;

the apparatus further comprising a reinforcing ring attached to the bag and positioned within the hole defined by the handle region.

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16. (canceled)

17. (withdrawn) A method of manufacturing a bag for carrying and delivering pourable product, the method comprising:

providing a bag having an end edge and oppositely disposed corners defined along the end edge;

defining a pouring region adjacent to one corner of the bag; and

positioning a handle adjacent to the oppositely disposed corner of the bag.

18. (withdrawn) The method of claim 17, wherein the bag defines an interior volume and the method further comprises:

placing pourable product in the interior volume.

19. (withdrawn) The method of claim 18, wherein the bag has first and second sidewalls, and the act of positioning a handle adjacent to the oppositely disposed corner of the bag includes:

defining a hole through the first and second sidewalls.

20. (withdrawn) The method of claim 19 wherein the act of defining a pouring region adjacent to one corner of the bag includes:

printing a line on the sidewall of the bag, the line extending across the one corner of the bag.

21. (withdrawn) The method of claim 19 wherein the act of defining a pouring region adjacent to one corner of the bag includes:

defining a plurality of perforations through the first and second sidewalls of the bag, the perforations extending across the one corner of the bag.

22-23. (canceled)